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SUBJECT: FRENCH ACTIONS CONCERNING LAOS

1. GOF ASSISTANCE TO ICC. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ASIA BOLLE TOLD EMBOFF OCTOBER 9 THAT THE UK HAD APPROACHED THE QUAI ABOUT GOF ASSISTANCE TO THE ICC. IN RESPONSE TO SOUVANNA'S REQUEST TO THE TWO CO-CHAIRMEN, THE UK WAS CONSULTING WITH THE USSR ABOUT ACTIVATION OF THE ICC. THE UK SAID THAT THERE WERE INDICATIONS THAT THE USSR AND PRC WOULD AGREE TO SUPPORT A MORE ACTIVE ICC. AT UK REQUEST THE GOF HAS TAKEN STEPS TO BE ABLE TO FURNISH CREWS FOR ICC HELICOPTERS ON VERY SHORT NOTICE.

2. MMFI. IN RESPONSE TO SOUVANNA'S REQUEST THE GOF HAS REINFORCED ITS MILITARY MISSION IN LAOS. HOWEVER, THE GOF IS WAITING FOR THE FORMATION OF THE NEW LO COALITION GOVERNMENT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE LAO PATRIOTIC FRONT, WHICH IN 1962 ACCEPTED THE FRENCH MILITARY MISSION, ALSO APPROVES OF ITS REINFORCEMENT IN 1973. BOLLE'S IMPLICATION WAS THAT MISSION MIGHT BE CUT BACK AGAIN IF LPF OBJECTS TO AUGMENTATION.

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